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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Follow-Up on Items Discussed in CPP's Memorandum to You
dated 4 May 1953

1. As you requested, I have checked into the specific instances cited in CPP's memorandum of the apparent difference of CIA representatives on the various PSB panels. The results of my investigation are as follows:

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a. Middle East Panel, [REDACTED], CIA representative --

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[REDACTED] emphatically denied the allegations of the complaint. Since the approval of PSB D-22 (Middle East Plan) and his appointment as CIA representative on the "Coordinating Panel," the panel has held one meeting, at which it was agreed to send D-22 to the field for comment and that no further meetings would be held until a report from the field was received. No further meetings have been held. [REDACTED] says that he entered fully into the discussions and agreed to State's setting up a panel at each major station. He also said that CIA personnel in the field have been instructed to participate in these panels but not to discuss CIA operations.

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[REDACTED] trouble stems from panel activities prior to approval of the plan, the CIA representative at that time was

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[REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] participated strongly in the drafting of the plan.

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b. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], CIA representative -- [REDACTED] says that he has talked freely in panel meetings concerning trends in [REDACTED] which affect U. S. psychological strategy but that he has followed what he regards as his orders in not discussing CIA assets, techniques or operations. According to

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[REDACTED] has repeatedly requested [REDACTED] to submit progress reports on what CIA is doing to implement PSB D-21. [REDACTED] has repeatedly stated that he is not authorized to make reports on CIA activities to the coordinating panel and that CIA's official channel is through the 10/5 Committee. [REDACTED] states that he has asked [REDACTED] repeatedly to check this procedure with his superiors.

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An interesting sidelight on the activities of the Germany Panel was reported by [redacted]. Apparently an ad hoc committee on a very informal basis has been set up by [redacted]

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[redacted] and a CIA representative has sat with the committee.

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[redacted] is interested in making the committee a formal one, a development which [redacted] feels would [redacted]

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[redacted] is expected [redacted] to make this proposition to the Board in the near future.

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c. [redacted] Panel

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[redacted] reports that since he was appointed to the "Coordinating Panel," there has been one meeting, attended by [redacted]

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and [redacted] being on leave at the time). This meeting was almost entirely concerned with a report by Mr. Kenneth

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Young of the State Department on his trip to the Far East. It is [redacted]

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[redacted]; understanding that the panel is now waiting for a report on the plan [redacted] before further action is taken at this end.

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If [redacted] 's difficulty stems from activities of the panel before approval of the plan, [redacted] is of the emphatic opinion that if it had not been for CIA leadership in drafting the plan there would not be today a plan in existence. He states that at the time the panel was originally formed the PSB had no format and no ideas and the FE Division of CIA organized a committee of PP desk people who developed the plan, which was then shown to the State representative and lobbied through the panel by CIA and the State Department. [redacted] says that the Defense representative did nothing toward the development of the plan until its latter stages. [redacted] also felt that if CPP were willing, it might be a good idea if he [redacted] had a meeting with CPP to go into the history of the matter in detail.

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2. Conclusions:

Although I have no knowledge of the exact nature or basis for [redacted] complaint, the interesting thing to me is that the three cases cited are all those involving completed plans which are now in the initial stages of field development. It may be that the trouble is not so much the lack of participation in panel discussions by the CIA representatives, as the unwillingness to discuss in panel meetings what steps CIA is taking on the basis of the plan. Insofar as I know, the correct procedure for approval and review of CIA implementing plans has been the 10/5 Committee, and it seems to me that [redacted] is justified in his position.

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From my discussions with all three panel representatives I got the distinct impression that each was sincerely trying to make a contribution to the deliberations of his panel but a contribution which would not conflict with what has always been the understanding that CIA representatives were not to discuss current assets, techniques or operations in these meetings. Before reporting to [redacted], however, it might be well for CPP to meet with the three persons involved and explore the matter further.

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